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In re Application of:)
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Filing Date: May 22, 2000) Group Art Unit No. 2643
For METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF AN ACOUSTIC SIGNAL)))

RESPONSE

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In reply to the Office Action dated April 9, 2004, please consider the following: